

# The Weekly Clarion.

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ADJOURNMENT. Both houses of Congress have passed a resolution to adjourn on June 22.

The opinion seems to be gaining ground that Gen. Sherman will be proposed for the Presidency as an antidote for Grant's threatened Caesarism.

Washington quidnuncs report that the prince of Palatinate, that most cowardly and conceited of potentates, Bully Botton Tombs, had his comb cut the other day in Washington City by Col. Lamar.

CARPET BAG DOINGS. Bradley and Hynes were competitors for Congress in Arkansas. Bradley swears that he sold the seat to Hynes for \$1,500—five hundred dollars and the remainder in two installments.

The names of the six members of the House Judiciary Committee who voted in committee for the impeachment of Judge Durell, are Butler, Poland, Wilson and White, Republicans, and Eldridge and Potter, Democrats. It is not probable that this corrupt Judge will be put on trial on this finding. But the very fact that a majority of a committee of his own party, have pronounced him guilty, will disgrace him forever and deprive him of his power of mischief in the future.

## The Civil Rights Bill.

This measure has passed the Senate. It opens hotels, public schools, colleges and universities and all institutions supported by taxation to persons without regard to color. This includes for example, the Mississippi University at Oxford, which was founded by a national gift and derives its support from taxation. The bill will pass the House, and thus conclude the last of the series of measures demanded as a result of emancipation. It leaves no further pretext for agitation. Now, let us hide events, and "have peace."

## Have Had Their Day.

The President's action in the Arkansas case, has effectively undone Clayton, Dorsey and the other adventurers who have ruled with a high hand in Arkansas since the war. They had abandoned Baxter and had staked their all on the movement of Brooks. With his failure, their fall is inevitable. They will speedily go the way of Bullock and other unprincipled scamps who have flourished for a time and then passed away into obscurity and disgrace. Nothing but the folly of the Conservatives in Arkansas, can avert the threatened doom of Clayton and his gang. If they will use their victory with sense and moderation, the future restoration of good local government is assured.

The New York Herald in an editorial on the subject of the overflow says that "The lesson of this disaster is that the Government should undertake the whole charge of the Mississippi levee system. To establish an efficient safeguard against such disasters is otherwise impossible." This idea is growing in favor. The whole subject of the interests of the Mississippi Valley will occupy a prominent place in the future politics of the country. Strange as it may seem, Mr. John C. Calhoun, strict constructionist as he was, and representative of the Atlantic region, championed the policy in his celebrated Report to the U. S. Senate nearly thirty years ago. For some years it has been a favorite scheme with our Senator, Mr. Alcorn, and was the subject of an able speech delivered by him during the last Congress.

## The General Conference of the M. E. Church South.

The General Conference of the M. E. Church South is still in session in Louisville. In response to the address of a Fraternal Commission from the Northern M. E. Church, the Conference has adopted a report reciprocating the expression of a desire for the establishment of fraternal relations between the two Churches. The report contains an able review of the causes of the separation and concludes that while fraternal relations are desirable and should be cultivated, an organic union between the two bodies is impracticable. In this conclusion the Conference was unanimous. A Commission was authorized to be appointed by the College of Bishops, consisting of three ministers and two laymen, to meet a similar Commission from the other Church to adjust all existing difficulties in reference to property to which claims have been set up by both Churches.

## Significant.

Under head of "the pillage of South Carolina," the N. Y. Times, Grants leading organ, uses the following strong language. It accords precisely with the music of the President's action in putting the Arkansas knaves out of the temple.

It is more than probable that the vile gang of thieves which has been harrying the State of South Carolina will ere long ruin themselves, vanish from the scene of their infamous triumphs, and make room for decent people.

"The beginning of the end is at hand; and the Governor who had the hardihood to forge pay certificates to the amount of more than three quarters of a million dollars in now very much inconveniently by a charge of grand larceny in which he is seriously implicated, and which has been brought by a Republican jury. The thieves hands are now in nervous apprehension of close acquaintance with a pair of handcuffs. One thing is evident, if the colored leaders of the South don't assert their own manhood and quit following the lead of the class thus described by the President's organ, they will lose the sympathy and support of the people on whom they have heretofore relied.

## OPENING THE BAIL.

Belmont & Co.

Recently there was a significant gathering of clams at a famous resort of political leaders known as "Manhattan Club" rooms, corner of 5th Avenue and 15th street, New York. The object of the meeting was nothing less than to arrange the preliminaries of, and get the start in, the Presidential race of 1876.

It was gotten up by August Belmont, Mabel B. Field, the Woods, the Schell, and to lead off any attempt to inaugurate a new regime of the party of opposition to Grantism.

It is a standing joke that men of this class, should set themselves up as leaders of what is known as the "hard-fisted democracy" and "enemies of corruption and monopoly." They are millionaires, deeply interested in keeping up the value of government securities, collecting them in gold and silver, and thus realizing one hundred per cent. on their original investments, besides enjoying their wealth without the burden of taxation which they think only such pack-mules as the laboring masses are fit to bear.

It will be a great point gained by these schemers if they can succeed in getting control of the Reform revolution, the muttering of whose thunders is plainly heard in the distance; and in diverting it into a channel for their own behoof. The Herald describing the convalescence says "it was not the great unwashed, the 'populace' styled here and there that 'made up the gathering multitude.' It was gentlemen in full evening costumes, including the peerless, swarthy, low-cut, white choker and light 'gold gloves.' Gorgeous caudabra, gauze curtains bespangled with the colors of the rainbow and other ornamentation of the Black Crook peculiarity, dazzled the eyes of the rural politicians who had been beguiled into this den of intrigues. The banquet, as may be well imagined was superb. It was of the chicken salad and champagne order.

But the significance of the occasion was not in the things arranged to dazzle the sense, and to delight the stomach, of the inner man. It was the intellectual repast—the food administered to the minds and judgment of the country which invested the meeting with more than ordinary importance. In the dreary platitudes and commonplace which formed the staple of the speeches, there were a few points pregnant with evil meaning. Everybody understood what the chief mouth-piece of the occasion meant, in declaring that "nothing but gold and silver was a legal tender for the payment of honest debts." Because it had been inspired by the Shylocks who initiated the movement and who are determined to have neither greenbacks nor "depreciated currency" of any sort in exchange for the bonds in which they are speculating. Everybody understood that it meant grinding the faces of the toiling millions, that these same Shylocks may be aggrandized and still more enriched.

But there were other utterances of even more sinister import. The leading speaker of the occasion put forth the idea of "a convention of all the States to see what the war has brought on us," and "if any portion of our country suffers, and if an amendment to the constitution will give them relief, every man will demand that they shall have 'guarantees.' Speaking from one 'portion of the country' to which we suppose reference is made, we beg to enter our protest against the proposition. It means nothing less than the revival of the issues of the war. It is fuel thrown to the dying embers of sectionalism. It is as mischievous a contrivance as the ingenuity of the most diabolical enemy of the peace and prosperity of the Southern States could have suggested. While it promises no good, it is precisely such an issue as our persecutors could ask. It would furnish them all the capital they need. It is so palpably sinister in its import—so manifestly evil in its consequences that we can scarcely resist the conclusion that it was designed as a flank movement for the benefit of Grantism in the success of which the schemes of the money barons were staked.

After the above was written, we came across the following, which we insert as an answer which suits us exactly to one part of the Belmont programme. Mr. Washington McLean, the editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, the paper which is the Democratic organ of the West, refused to attend the Manhattan reunion in New York, and says that there will be a new Democratic party in the West, with a demand for an increasing amount of currency as the chief plank in its platform. The country certainly would be honored by the attempt of the Republican party, and one man would be gratefully remembered—President Grant. Every honest man regards affairs in the South with dire forebodings, and feels the shadow of it pressing into its own bosom. "It is for a Republican President," the Press concludes, "to cut the Gordian knot by one bold and determined effort for the relief of the whole South, and once more save his country and his party. His power is vast, the statesmanship to help him ought to be equally vast. Where there is much authority, there ought to be much genius. Perhaps all that is needed is moral courage, and that ought not to be wanting in a citizen who broke down the rebellion and forgave the very leaders he had conquered."

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The Cairo Bulletin a Democratic paper in principle as well as profession, has the following to say about the recent meeting of the swallow-tail Democrats represented by the Belmont & Schell's of Manhattan Club, New York. It wants them to understand—

"That one of the monopolies which the Democratic—in the best sense of that word—wide-awake voter of today has decreed to put his heel upon and crush, is the monopoly which wealth, in the person of such men as August Belmont, has long exercised in the selection and election of candidates for office; that the force which is to oppose and break down the corruption, the greed of wealth and power, now feeding off the very vitals of the Government, is not to be found within the limits of any existing political organization; that this is the province of the new party, toward which gentlemen like Carl Schurz, no less than the Grangers and the Anti-Monopolists, are tending; the party which the events of each succeeding day form into a more perfect whole, and which, when the time is ripe, will rise in its might, the conquering political organization of the country."

Unfortunately there is too much ground for the declaration of the Bulletin. The recent course of the party leaders of the Belmont sort on the currency question, is full of evil omen to the people of the South and West. Without an exception every one of their tools in Congress, such men as Fernando Wood, Cox, Thurman & Co. voted at the dictation of the money barons of Wall Street and the East in favor of contraction. Whether they will be able to control the organization to which they profess to belong, and in which they exercise by means of their capital and large investments in government bonds, future Presidential nominations as they have since the war, remains to be seen. It is well known that Belmont & Co., inspired the nomination of Seymour; and their memorable raid in the West immediately preceding the meeting of the Cincinnati Convention and their active agency at Baltimore, cannot be forgotten.

The country is ripe for a change. It is tired of Grantism; but it sickens at the thought of Belmontism. They are parts and parcels of the same corrupt system which looks to the plundering of the many for the enrichment of the few; and the prospect for relief depends not in the success of either but in the organization and triumph of the anti-monopoly movement of the Independents (as they call themselves) which the old parties have combined so far without effect to strangle in its cradle.

## A Significant Article from J. W. Forney.

The following are the salient paragraphs in an editorial, which, appearing in the Philadelphia Press, has attracted so little attention and comments. We have our own opinion about the motive of the author, and the object he seeks indirectly to accomplish, but we will hold it in reserve for the present—with the simple remark that we feel quite sure, the writer, Col. Forney, is not in favor of Grant's election to a third term, as many have conjectured.

The article begins by reference to the Arkansas matter. It says that the President satisfies the people there, but offends his friends here; and it then goes into a discussion of Southern affairs. After describing the bad government in South Carolina, the troubles in Louisiana, etc., it says:

"The peril of the South is felt in the North; sympathy for the sufferings of the Southern people begins to be common to all parties. We know how the Republicans of the old free States regard the situation, and we can readily anticipate where it must end, unless speedy rescue is found. It then claims that the key-note is sounded in the President's decision, and asks if there is no way to apply the spirit of this action to Louisiana and South Carolina. It declares Grant must take the bold initiative, and adds:

"It may seem to be a sacrifice, and yet, boldly seized, the opportunity may be a salvation. To Congress the President would be just alternative. The crisis in the South does not affect one race, but both; not only one section, but all; and to meet and master it all politics and partisanship should be boldly and summarily set aside. The country certainly would be honored by the attempt of the Republican party, and one man would be gratefully remembered—President Grant. Every honest man regards affairs in the South with dire forebodings, and feels the shadow of it pressing into its own bosom. "It is for a Republican President," the Press concludes, "to cut the Gordian knot by one bold and determined effort for the relief of the whole South, and once more save his country and his party. His power is vast, the statesmanship to help him ought to be equally vast. Where there is much authority, there ought to be much genius. Perhaps all that is needed is moral courage, and that ought not to be wanting in a citizen who broke down the rebellion and forgave the very leaders he had conquered."

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## Another Way to Stop the Tippling Business.

Rev. Mr. Patterson, pastor of a church in San Francisco, is a warm Temperance man. He is strongly in favor of breaking up the tippling business. He is in favor of "destroying the temptations now held out by thousands of 'tippling houses.' Rev. Mr. Patterson's plan is unique, though it is not more absurd than the legislation adopted with indecent haste and in violation of the Constitution and the forms of law, by our Mississippi Legislature, in the expiring moments of the late session. Here is Rev. Mr. Patterson's plan:

Let the United States Government, which has now a partnership to the extent of 5 per cent of the profits of the liquor trade, take the whole business of the manufacture, importation, and sale, wholesale and retail, into its own hands, and establish a strict Government monopoly, like the running of the mails, or the coining of money, or the levying of war, all of which were formerly private, or at least commercial company operations. Thus the revenue would be secured, and far more than secured, it would be doubled, since all the profits would go to the Government. Let the retail price be lowered below the present figures, so as to reduce the premium on smuggling, and to induce the drinkers to get their liquor honestly at 3 cents instead of saloon beer at 5 cents. Let the liquor be made genuine and pure, and free from strychnine, and poisons generally. 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